

January 14, 2026
Meeting of the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

1. Chairman Steven Cadorette called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 4:03pm in the Commissioner's Office at the Water Treatment Plant, 3249 County Street, Somerset, Massachusetts, 02726. He announced the meeting was being recorded.

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven Cadorette and Clerk Robert E. Lima. Vice-Chairman Joseph Bednaik, Jr. was absent for the meeting.

Also present were Christopher Wickman, Jacquelyn Ferreira, Elizabeth Paskowski, Eros Kaw and Phil Bartlett from BioCleaner, and Brian Moniz from SATV.

2. There was no public comment.

3. Clerk Lima motioned to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting and approve as circulated; seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Roll call vote: Clerk Lima – yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

Clerk Lima motioned to table the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting; seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Roll call vote: Clerk Lima – yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

4.a. Mr. Eros Kaw and Mr. Phil Bartlett from a company called BioCleaner, gave a presentation to the Board regarding their sludge removal products. Mr. Kaw explained that all their products are Bio Safety Level 1 and their product is coated with microbes that eat dead matter; they will eat sludge and break up and release liquid. Chairman Cadorette asked if we could do a pilot test in one of our four tanks and Mr. Kaw and Mr. Bartlett said yes they could. A lab pilot test would be performed first for sludge only. Chairman Cadorette said he would involve Wright-Pierce to do the lab pilot test and then bring it up to a larger scale test, as we would need State approval for large-scale use.

4.b. Clerk Lima motioned to retain Attorney Arthur Frank at \$175.00 per hour, with a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00, to review the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners' regulations; seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Attorney Frank provided a proposal for his service to review the Board's regulations in general and about Mass General Law Chapter 44, Section 53G which authorizes the Board to implement fees on project applicants to pay for independent outside consultants, such as engineers. Attorney Frank will be charging \$175.00 per hour, which is the municipal rate. Roll call vote: Clerk Lima – yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

4.c. The Board discussed the articles for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Clerk Lima said he will present Article 3 for paying invoices received after the close of Fiscal Year 2025, totaling \$19,347.00 and he will present Article 7 for paying the water and sewer members in the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) retroactive pay for work from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). Chairman Cadorette will present Article 8 for \$800,000.00 for a community funded grant for repairs and construction costs for the Water Treatment Plant and distribution system upgrades. Vice-Chairman Bednarik will not be able to attend the Special Town Meeting.

5.a.i. Clerk Lima motioned to approve a drainlayer license renewal for DB & Son Excavating Inc. of 154 Sandy Point Road, Somerset, MA 02726. Seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Roll call vote: Clerk Lima – yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

5.a.ii. Clerk Lima motioned to approve a drainlayer license renewal for Moran Excavation of 302 Cherry Street, Middleboro, MA 02346. Seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Roll call vote: Clerk Lima – yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

6.a. A letter of retirement was received from Sewer Collection System Technician, Joseph Alexander III. The Board congratulated him, thanked him for his years of service to the Town, and wished him the best of luck in his retirement. His official retirement date is January 20, 2026.

7. There were no topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

8. Clerk Lima motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm. Seconded by Chairman Cadorette. Roll-call vote: Clerk Lima - yes; Chairman Cadorette – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

February 25, 2026